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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Toby R. Thomas et al

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For: FILL-THROUGH-THE-TOP PACKAGE

AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

MAKING THE SAME

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## SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

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Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend the

application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 40-60 as follows:

(New) A method of making and filling a package, comprising:

providing a package including first and second opposing body panels joined along a pair of sides and a bottom bridging the sides, the package including a fastener attached to the

first body panel along a mouth portion of the package disposed opposite the bottom, the

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